GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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STRENGTHENING OF MARITIME SECURITY
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Navy has been designated as an authority responsible for overall maritime security;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Indian Navy in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (c): With a view to strengthening coastal security and surveillance, Government has designated Indian Navy as the authority responsible for overall maritime security.Indian Navy and Coast Guard have increased surface and air surveillance and patrolling along with other measures to strengthen coastal security.Assistance of State marine police and other agencies are taken as required.